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SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR STAFFDEL JAMES AND PARTY

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11. (U) Embassy welcomes and grants country clearance for the August 15-17, 2006 visit to Japan by Staffdel James and party.

12. (U) Embassy point of contact for the visit will be Brett Blackshaw. He can be reached at:

Office phone: (81-3)3224-5337
Home phone: (81-3)3224-6811
Mobile phone: 81-90-4837-5822
(NOTE: when calling from within Japan, dial 080-4837-5822)
Fax: (81-3)3224-5322
E-mail: blackshawb@state.gov (unclassified)

Commander Naval Forces Japan (CNFJ) point of contact for the visit will be LT Angela Edwards. She can be reached at:

Office phone: (81-46)816-7600
Home phone:
Mobile phone: (81-80)5471-1965
(NOTE: when calling from within Japan, dial 080-5471-1965)
Fax: (81-46)816-6616
E-mail: angela.edwards@fe.navy.mil

Hotel Reservations

13. (U) Tokyo hotel reservations have been made for two nights with check-in on August 15 and check-out on the morning of August 17 at:

Hotel Okura
2-10-4 Toranomon
Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-8416
Tel: (81-3) 3582-0111
Fax: (81-3) 3582-3707
Email: www.okura.com

Hotel confirmation numbers are as follows:

Ms. James: RSV 772927
Ms. Wada: RSV 772928
LCDR Diehl: RSV 772929

Airport to Hotel Transportation

14. (U) Staffdel will be met upon arrival outside customs at Narita airport by CNFJ escort LT Angela Edwards with a CNFJ

vehicle and driver. Travel time from Narita airport to the Hotel Okura is approximately 90 minutes. Transportation and escort during the visit, including transport to Narita airport for departure, will be provided by CNFJ.

Per Diem

15. (U) Embassy POC will provide per diem to Ms. James and Ms. Wada upon arrival at Hotel Okura on August 15.

Schedule

16. (U) Visit schedule has been provided by CNFJ via Navy OLA liaison.

Visa

17. (U) Holders of U.S. diplomatic or official passports must have a Japanese visa to enter Japan. Travelers on a U.S. tourist (blue cover) passport may enter Japan as a tourist without a Japanese visa for up to 90 days.

Embassy Laptop Policy

18. (U) The Embassy's laptop policy is as follows:
Absolutely no personal, non-government owned laptop computers may enter the Embassy. Absolutely no laptop, even government owned, may be connected to the Embassy network in any way. TDY employees are reminded that no government owned laptops may enter the Embassy without prior RSO approval. Absolutely no laptop, even government owned, inside CAA areas unless special pre-approval, based on business need, has been given. If you would like to bring a US government owned and provided laptop computer into the Embassy, please contact the RSO's office prior to your visit for the briefing and approval.

Threat Assessment

19. (U) U.S. Government facilities worldwide remain at a heightened state of alert. The events of September 11 at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and Somerset, Pennsylvania, serve as a cruel reminder of the continuing threat from terrorists and extremist groups to Americans and American interests worldwide. This situation remains fluid and American citizens should be aware of the potential risks and take these into consideration when making travel plans. The Department will continue to develop information about potential threats to Americans overseas and to share credible threat information through its consular information program documents available on the internet at the Bureau of Consular Affairs home page: <http://www.travel.state.gov>.

110. (SBU) The general threat from crime in Tokyo and throughout Japan is low. Crime is at levels well below the U.S. national average. Violent crime is rare, but does exist. The Japanese National Police report continued problems with pick-pocketing of foreigners in crowded shopping areas of Tokyo. Although street crime is low, common sense security measures are advised for all American citizens traveling in Japan.

111. (U) As the U.S. Government has reported in public announcements over the last several months, U.S. citizens and interests abroad may be at increased risk of terrorist actions from extremist groups, which may target civilians and include suicide operations. Most recently, we advised that we had unconfirmed information that terrorist actions may be

taken against U.S. Military facilities and/or establishments frequented by U.S. military personnel in Korea and Japan. Americans should increase their security awareness and avoid locations where Americans are generally known to congregate.

¶12. (U) In addition, we continue to be concerned about information we received in May 2001 that American citizens may be the target of a terrorist threat from extremist groups with links to Usama Bin Laden's Al-Qaida organization. In the past, such individuals have not distinguished between official and civilian targets. The Embassy takes all threats seriously. The U.S. Embassy Tokyo can be contacted 24 hours a day at 03-3224-5000 (locally) or 81-3-3224-5000 (internationally).

¶13. (SBU) Visitors are urged to maintain a high level of vigilance and to increase their security awareness. Americans should maintain a low profile, vary routes and times for all required travel, and treat mail and packages from unfamiliar sources with suspicion. Visitors are also urged to avoid contact with any suspicious, unfamiliar objects, and to report the presence of such objects to local authorities. Vehicles should not be left unattended and should be kept locked at all times.

SCHIEFFER